

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): MANUFACTURING PROCESS FOR MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE  
ASSEMBLIES

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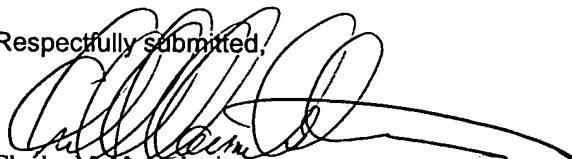
- ☒ 47 pages of Specification/Claims 1-6/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to JSR Corporation and Honda Motor Co., Ltd. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2003-042966 filed February 20, 2003 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1100 (\$1060 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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